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SUBJ: ANNUAL IBRD/IMF MEETING: GOVT OF QATAR DELEGATION

REF: STATE 165594

1. GOV OF QATAR DELEGATION TO IBRD/IMF MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON SEPT 1-5 WILL PROBABLY BE HEADED BY SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM.

2. SINCE SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ IS A SUBSTANTIVE LIGHTWEIGHT ON FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, GOQ CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY ITS USUAL PASSIVE ROLE DURING
THE MEETINGS. HOWEVER, QATARIS WILL
ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH POSITIONS TAKEN BY OPEC/LDC GROUP.
THEY ARE FIRM BELIEVERS IN "NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER" SYNDROME AS ARTICULATED IN OPEC SOLUMN DECLARATION ISSUED AT ALGIERS SUMMIT, FOR WHATEVER IMPLICATIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE FOR IBRD/IMF DELIBERATIONS.

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3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT GOQ DELEGATION WILL SEEK MEETING

WITH USDEL FOR DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL ISSUES. HOWEVER, IF DEPT DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE, USDEL MIGHT WISH TO TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW US PROPOSAL FOR GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS ON DIRECT INVESTMENT WITH SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ. MOST RECENT INFORMATION ON SUBJECT REPORTED IN D DA 0446, 0553, AND 0676.

4. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT DEPT OFFER SOME HOSPITALITY TO SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ, WHO IS AMIR'S SON AND POTENTIAL SUCCESSOR. ABDUL AZIZ WAS VERY PLEASED WITH LUNCH HOSTED FOR HIM DURING IBRD/IMF MEETINGS LAST YEAR BY ASST SECY ATHERTON. HE HAS ALSO MET ASST SECY PARSKY, AND PERHAPS TREASURY ALSO COULD DO SOMETHING FOR HIM. PAGANELLI

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